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## Gameroff Winner Of Papineau Cup

### Sees Phrase "...Long Live Queen" Key to U. K. Heart

By SUZIE GIPPLE

The phrase, "The King is dead; long live the Queen!" provides the key to the heart and soul of the British Commonwealth of Nations. It is this phrase, which was uttered by Marjorie Gomeroff as she competed in the finals of the Papineau Cup yesterday. This interpretation of the phrase, "The King is dead; long live the Queen!" won the Cup for Gomeroff over three other accomplished speakers, Peter Satterthwaite, Gerry Charness, and Murray Spiegel. He said that the reason for the British Crown's relative stability in a shifting world was the English ability to rise to almost any occasion however unfavorable. Gomeroff called this "Challenge and Response."

"When Elizabeth I came to the throne, conditions were very ad-



Marjorie Gomeroff  
... winning orator

verse in England. Food was scarce, there was no money in the treasury, and the country was threatened by the fierce Spanish Armada. At the end of the Elizabethan Era, the Armada had been defeated, England had a navy of her own, the national economy had been restored, and personal rights and liberties were beginning to be recognized. The challenge was there and it had been accepted in the stirring phrase, "Long live the Queen!"

"The new Queen assumes her duties in the midst of one of history's most unsettled periods. It may be said that she is faced with the greatest challenge of all times. England has not yet fully recovered from the effects of the last war. Britons are still tightening their belts in the Austerity Program, and the threat of Communism hangs heavy over the free world in spite of this, the people had the courage to look ahead and proclaim "Long Live The Queen!"

#### Five Reigning Queens

Peter Satterthwaite, who was runner-up for the trophy, stated that the death of King George VI closed one epoch and started another. He outlined Britain's five reigning queens, saying that they all exemplified their age. Mary I was torn internally by her religious beliefs and England suffered in a like manner. Elizabeth I was clever and reasoning and England was as brilliant as she was.

Both Mary II and Queen Anne were comparatively dull, as were the times. Stubborn, strong-willed Victoria stamped her character on an Age in which England built and expanded still further. In conclusion Satterthwaite said that the present Queen Elizabeth's outstanding qualities are her courage and her

moral character. It is hoped that she will employ these characteristics in shaping a new and glorious Era for Britain.

In his talk, Murray Spiegel stressed the idea that the monarch's life is not an easy one. King George's life would have been longer if it had not been for the countless hours he was obliged to stand and walk at military and other functions.

When one looks back on the dead King, the picture of a power-mad Hitler ranting and raving up and down the continent comes to mind, and beside it, the picture of King George standing steadfast in London throughout the blitz and helping in a war plant two nights a week. Thus is the crown a symbol of unity and stability in a world of chaos. Elizabeth's legacy is a world in which hate not love, and war not peace is on the lips of everyone.

Gerry Charness stated that today the world is engaged in a life and death conflict of ideologies, but on February 6 the whole world stopped to take notice of the passing of a King. As has often happened in the past, we have not changed one tyrant for another. George VI was not a great man, as great men go, but he was a good and fine man and was noted for his devotion to duty and his self-sacrifice. He said that on the Kings death there were three main thoughts:

1. We rededicated ourselves to the symbols of justice which the crown embodies.
  2. We lamented the passing of a fine and noble man.
  3. We looked forward to a glorious reign of Elizabeth II.
- Judges for the contest, which took place in the Club Room of the Union, were Dean Solin, Reverend Knowles, and Constance Beresford-Howe.

## Polish Pianist to Come For Recital March 21

Horszowski, eminent Polish pianist, and compatriot of such musical greats as Casals, Szigeti, Serkin, Busch and Toscanini, will appear in recital at Moysie Hall on Friday, March 21, under the auspices of "SCOPE," the Cultural Committee of the S.E.C. It was announced last night.

At the age of five, Horszowski had already amazed European critics by his performance from memory of the Inventions of Johann Sebastian Bach. By the time he made his New York recital debut at the age of 14 in Carnegie Hall, he had made several tours of Europe, had played as soloist with Symphony Orchestras in the principal European capitals, and had given a recital before Pope Pius X.

The composer Ravel asked Horszowski to perform with him, and his sonata recitals and recordings with Casals in Europe, and more



## Scope to Sponsor Poet Dylan Thomas

Flying in from New York today, Dylan Thomas, a contemporary poet from England, will lecture to-night in the Physical Science Centre at 8:30. Sponsored by SCOPE, he will speak on Modern Poetry and he will read some of his own works.

Born in Swansea, England, Mr. Thomas never attended a university but did quite a lot of reading in his boyhood. He was a schoolmaster for a time and did some work for the British Broadcasting Company.

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## P. C. Government Carries House by Narrow Margin

### Disorder Reigns, Only Fifty Appear

By GEORGE NOVOTNY

Disorderly conduct and frequent interruptions were two characteristics of last night's Model Parliament. The evening was one of violent discussion and tough fight in a house of only about 50 members. Professor Olivier, Speaker of the House, had to call for order a number of times.

The Progressive Conservative Government's attitude on the U.S. cheese embargo was questioned by a member of Opposition at the opening of the session. The government in turn presented a bill to move the clock from Arts Building lobby to the steps of R.V.C. in order to relieve congestion.

Mr. J. T. Hackett, Q.C., a former member of Parliament and guest speaker, expressed the opinion that the discussion was on a good level, but that the members should try to follow more, the rules of parliamentary procedure. He said that the Model Parliament is "an excellent school of discussion, but a game can be only well played if the rules are respected."

About the topic of discussion he said that any argument concerning the Pacific area would have to present more facts than were given. Since not many facts were available to the student speakers, it was hard to judge which side presented a better argument. The problem was a difficult one, and Mr. Hackett said he appreciated the "genuine effort" of all parties represented.

OTTAWA — External Affairs Minister Pearson has ordered a hunt for a new Secretary-General of NATO, following the refusal of Britain's Sir Oliver Franks to accept the position.

### Hackett, Former M.P. Supports Conservative's Bill

By SELMA SKOLL

By a slim margin of four votes, a Bill calling for a Pacific Defence Pact to combat the threat of Communist Aggression stemming from outside forces to the Pacific Ocean, was passed at a Model Parliament held in the Union Ballroom last night. The vote was 23 for and 19 against. Proceedings began at 8:30 after the mace had been carried in and the Speaker of the House, Professor Michael Oliver, lecturer in economics and political science, declared the session open.

The Bill was introduced by Prime Minister Don Joss, President of the Progressive Conserva-

tive Club. He said that "at this time there is a great Red menace in the Far East and that it is our moral duty to defend the free nations in that area. Unity is strength and therefore by advocating the formation of a Pacific Defence Pact with Economic Aid to the countries in the Far East, the threat of Communist Aggression can be stemmed."

#### Realistic Solution

He called this Pact the "only realistic solution for the defence of the free world. The situation existing today is that the Communists are gobbling up one state after another. It is up to the free world to ally in a defence organization and through economic aid as well give the Pacific nations ultimately independence.

Gerald Rubin, first speaker for the first opposition — the C.C.F. Club, called for more economic aid to the underprivileged areas of the Pacific and less military defence. He said that "only through the United Nations an adequate economic aid, with no strings attached, could peace, stability and freedom come to the Pacific."

John Todd, speaking for the Government said that it was necessary for Canada and the other ten countries enumerated in the Bill to form such a Defence Organization to safeguard the tenets of our democracy. He cited the example of the threat in the last war of the Japanese submarines on the west coast of Canada and said that if all the Far East should fall under the hands of the Communists, Canada would again be in a dangerous position.

#### Prominent Lawyer

J. T. Hackett, a prominent Montreal lawyer and former Member of Parliament, was the Guest of Honor. He said that "what Canada, what the United States, Great Britain and the other free countries want today is peace." He said that the U.N. was set up in the hope of composing countries through other means than war. "The immediate purpose of the U.N." he continued, "has not been yet realized because of the abuse of the right of veto by Soviet Russia."

Mr. Hackett said that it was in the interest of Canada to preclude aggression which is the threshold of war and thus should join in a Pacific Pact with the other free nations. "We are bound to the Pacific nations," he said, "by a love of peace, and thus support the Bill before the House."

A C.C.F. speaker, Bob Tate, then said that in forming this pact, we would have to rearm Japan "a country that the free nations could never place their trust in after the last war." He said that "the entire orient fell before the onslaught of Japan." Another C.C.F. spokesman said that the way to help the Pacific areas through economic aid and not merely with guns.

## Commerce and A. & S. Nominations Still Open

Nominations for the forthcoming student elections for all positions in the Commerce Undergraduate Society close today at 1 p.m. "So far they have been coming in slowly and it is anticipated that several posts will be filled by acclamation," a spokesman said yesterday. A list of the Commerce candidates will be announced in tomorrow's Daily.

Nominations for President of Arts and Science Undergraduate Society close tomorrow at 1 p.m. Candidates contesting other major positions are listed as follows: Betsy Alexander and Larry Schacter are

First and Second Vice-Presidents respectively by acclamation. Dave Artis and Myron Rusk are running for Treasurer. John Lough has been acclaimed as Athletics Representative, Christina Poznanska as Corresponding Secretary and Mary Szwarc as Recording Secretary.

In the Engineering Undergraduate Society, the following positions have been filled by acclamation: Cameron Kenney as President, John Garneau as First Vice-President, and Claude Lacombe as Second Vice-President. The post of Secretary is being contested by Harold Sharet and Stan McGurk. Don Chamberlain, Bud Bethune and Chris Kleniewski are running for Treasurer. R. D. Winship, Bob Keep and Pat Slinn are the candidates for Athletics Representative.

## Debating Society Positions to Be Contested Today

Elections for next year's executive of the McGill Debating Society will take place at 1 p.m. in the union ballroom. All prospective candidates will give a three minute speech on his or her platform for the fourth coming year, and Eric De Bellaigue, newly elected President by acclamation, will give an outline of his policy for the coming year.

Voting for the various positions, will take place after the meeting, which is expected to last about 45 minutes, and the polls will remain open until 2:15 that afternoon. Everyone is eligible to attend and vote. Women are eligible to vote for all positions, whether they be male or female.

Patricia Vos has been elected by acclamation to the position of Women's Vice-President. All other debating positions are being contested. Nominations are as follows: Men's Vice President: Avrum Cohen, Jack Shane, Corresponding Secretary: Dave L'Esperance, Isidore Yablon, Recording Secretary: Peter Slater, Alison Knox.

Junior Treasurer: Jerrome Symon, Ben Greenberg, Garth Mosher.

## Most Students Ignorant Of Small Campus Journals

Ask a McGill student to list our different student publications. He will burst out, "Sure—there's the Daily..." and then look up at you as if to say, "Well, what else is there? Suddenly the light will gleam again in his eyes and he will add, "Oh, yeah — and there's Forge, our literary magazine, and — ah — and the Annual! Sure, that's it." And he will walk away proud in the knowledge that our campus is graced by three student publications.

But what that student does not know, and what most of his fellow students also do not know, is that there are four other magazines produced by the McGill student body. They are not, as are the magazines previously mentioned, general publications for all students, but are published by different faculty groups. Three of them, the McGill Dental Review, the McGill Medical Journal and the CAMSI Journal are published by Medical students. The other, The McGill Engineer, is the magazine of the McGill Engineering Undergraduate Society.

McGill Dental Review, official

publication of the McGill University Dental Undergraduate Society, is published semi-annually, printing material of cultural and dental interest to Dental Undergrads. While not written for the laymen, one may be interested to learn that a good dentist should casually throw a wrinkled paper towel into the basket as he enters his office, in order to create an impression of cleanliness. Feature articles of interest to the future dentist are included. Dentistry is by way of being, an infant profession, having separated from Medicine. The two are now coming together again in matters where the field of one supplement those of the other. Dentists, according to a recent editorial, must be able to recognize oral symptoms of systemic diseases.

It is also the Dentist's duty to act as a teacher, and to try to alleviate the abysmal ignorance of the average layman on dental matters and to eliminate old superstitions such as the belief that since children are going to lose their teeth anyway,

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## World Events

OTTAWA — A nation-wide hunt is under way for Willi Bruntjen, an innocent German immigrant suspected of carrying the dreaded foot-and-mouth disease. Meanwhile, preparations are being made in Regina for the mass slaughter of infected cattle.

MUNSAN, Korea — The Communists threatened to halt all Korean armistice negotiations unless the United Nations reverses its proposal to drop Russia and Norway as neutral truce inspectors.

## Cancer Research Institute Develops Diagnostic Aids

By WENDY CHILD

An attack on Cancer through Biochemistry is one of the research programmes being carried out at the Montreal General Hospital Research Institute.

The Institute, under the direction of Dr. J. H. Quastel, a biochemist of international reputation, has a close liaison with McGill. Established four years ago, through the initiative of Dr. I. M. Rabinowitch, the Institute is located in the old Morgan home on University St. The staff of 32 includes students working for their degrees and post-doctoral students from India, Jerusalem, Wales and the United States.

The scope of the work of the Research Institute is too broad and technical to be described in any but the most general terms. Reasons why some bacteria can destroy cancer-producing substances and the defensive adaptation of bacteria to penicillin-like drugs and other substances that effect cell growth

are among the experiments being carried on.

Chromatography, a new and relatively inexpensive method of examining blood originated by Doctors A. E. Franklin, J. H. Quastel and S. Van Straten at the Institute, is being developed as a diagnostic aid. A spot of plasma smeared on filter paper treated with various solvents will leave patterns that vary according to the presence or absence of diseases affecting the protein fractions of the blood. Cancer is among the many diseases having this protein disorder.

This new diagnostic aid is now being tried clinically, and has proved to be very successful according to Dr. Sylvia Van Straten, although it is still in the development stages. By means of these chromatograms or patterns, diseases can be separated into two groups, acute and milder cases—a gradual change in patterns is also seen during treatment.

## Cosmopolitan Elect Five to Executive

Executive elections of the Cosmopolitan Club took place last night in the Union. The newly elected executive, which comes into office immediately, consists of George Novotny as President, Franklin Gomes as Vice-President, Judy Gombay as Secretary, and Winston Mahatoo as Treasurer. Peter Hall was provisionally elected Publicity Manager, and the other executive posts are to be filled later on.

The retiring executive of the Club was headed by Rei Nishio as President.

## "Twelfth Night" Show To Be Staged Friday

The English Department's annual stage production this year is Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," to be presented for four performances, beginning Friday, February 29.

Curtain time for the first three performances will be 7:30-8:30 p.m. for the final performance. This innovation promises to be successful, as high schools both on and off the Island of Montreal have reserved blocks of tickets.

Professor Elmer Hall, of the English Department, is directing the play. Professor Hall, who came to McGill in 1939, has directed 12 plays for the department.

He has been connected with the capacity of stage manager with the Shakespeare Association of America, in 1928. The script to be presented by the English Department is the same one with which Professor Hall worked previously.

The cast of the play is composed mostly of students. The part of Malvolio is played by Edward Phillips, who had the lead in "Ah, Wilderness," the English Department's previous production. Irwin Belch, and Howard Ryshan are Sir Andrew Aguecheek.

Sheila MacEachern, who was stage manager of "Ah Wilderness," is cast as Viola, and Anne Fafoutakis as Olivia. Heiko Schleifer as Duke Orsino, Geraldine Boomer as Maria, and Jack Zolov and Feste. All the costumes, lighting and sets

for the production are being handled by Sylvia Singer, a fourth year Fine Arts student. This is the first time that a McGill student has been placed completely in charge of a play.

Miss Singer has had previous experience as costume designer for past Red and White Revues. Student prices for "Twelfth Night" are 50 cents.

## Classification of Sociology Still To Be Debated

Is sociology a science? The study of man in his society naturally involves a knowledge of his biological and physical background, claims Dr. Westley, lecturer in Criminology and Sociology at McGill who addressed the Anthropological and Sociological Society yesterday.

In the strict sense of the word, sociology is not a physical science, except in certain statistical cases. An example of this is the scientific study of humans according to their number of births, deaths, divorces, etc. This is knowledge which is verifiable.

However in the main, sociology has a broader sense. Therefore it might be better to word the question, is it purely humanistic, spiritualistic, or philosophical.



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## Student Forum

### The Sheehan Incident

(The following article has been edited, and is part of a longer account—ED.)

The Sheehan incident is an illustration of the political unconsciousness of the Debating Executive as well as an excellent example of almost unprecedented audacious conceit on the part of various student leaders in this University.

For the Model Parliament of Feb. 6, the Liberal Club was to form the government and present a Bill advocating that Canada annex the U.S. Up to Feb. 2 no guest speaker had been secured by the Liberal Club, but the Club had several letters, etc. outstanding to many prominent Liberal and from subsequent reports, a guest speaker was reasonably assured.

However at a meeting of the Debating Executive on Feb. 1, it was decided that Representative Timothy Sheehan should be invited to give the major address at the Parliament. An attempt to consult the President of the Liberal Club was made, but was unsuccessful and the Debating Executive, claiming the right to be an "emergency", instructed the President of the Society to wire the Congressman. These instructions were executed by the Debating Executive, who by Saturday the 2nd had received no reply and so notified the Chairman of the Steering Committee. The Chairman thereupon suggested that there was no need to cancel the engagement, but advocated that the Debating Executive

live notify the Political Club leaders that Sheehan was coming anyway. Elaborate arrangements then ensued. An impostor with, as the Chairman termed it, "a mid-western accent" was engaged and was to be placed on the train at Westmount so he could be met at the Central Station. Lawyers were consulted to study the proposal for possible libel suits and a massive file of documents in the form of bogus telegrams, etc. were collected to give the story a realistic appearance. Thus on Sunday, February 3, the Chairman of the Steering Committee informed the leaders of the Political Clubs that Sheehan had been invited and was coming.

Immediately the Clubs commenced to make arrangements. Alterations in many speeches were necessitated due to the fact that some attacked the American Legislators on their lack of knowledge of Canada and others were very anti-American in implication.

On Monday, Feb. 4, an emergency meeting of the Steering Committee was called at which the Chairman and the Executive of the Debating Society were highly reprimanded by the Political Clubs on the basis that (a) they failed to consult the Political Clubs, including the government, on their choice of a guest speaker, and (b) the guest speaker did not espouse the views of any of the clubs represented at the Parliament. Nevertheless, in the in-

terests of a good Parliament, the Political Clubs consented to co-operate in the presentation of the Parliament and shelve the issue until a future date. Thus in all seriousness and good faith the Liberals and other Political Clubs commenced to make the many arrangements for the Parliament, and the Debating Society, for now obvious, but then dubious reasons, agreed to handle the publicity.

On the same day, February 4, one of the consulting notaries of the Debating Executive informed them that the impostor himself would be liable if Mr. Sheehan wished to sue him. Thereupon the impostor, after a long meeting which lasted into the morning, agreed only to carry out the masquerade if publicity was kept at a minimum. Thus, was the reason for the Eskimo and Indian story regarding the Model Parliament, which appeared in the Daily of February 5.

Further on February 5, the President of the Liberal Club, who was to be Prime Minister, lacking information regarding the Sheehan visit, telephoned a friend in Washington about the matter.

As we all know, His Majesty the King died on the morning of February 6 and the Parliament was necessarily cancelled. A Steering Committee meeting was called that day to discuss a possible postponement of the event, the leaders of

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## South Africa, the Complex Country

Auguste finds himself in distinguished company in his account of the South African Situation. His criticism follows recent articles on South Africa in "Time" magazine and "The Toronto Star" printed and well received by virtue of their sensationalism—both with small regard for fact. It is irresponsible and malicious articles of this nature based on incorrect assumptions and lack of comprehension of the internal problems of other countries that lead to misunderstanding.

The quarter million Indians that Auguste claims are struggling for an existence, happen to be amongst some of the most prosperous sections of the South African population. They originally came to South Africa in 1880, described by Mahatma Gandhi as Asiatic labourers from densely populated areas in India belonging to the lowest classes, who had been living in a state of semi-starvation. On expiration of their contract, they refused the offer of their passages back to India and set up businesses of their own. So great was their economic effort that they now own at least 37 per cent of Durban, one of South Africa's largest cities. Seldom has a people advanced from such depths of want, illiteracy and physical degradation, to such heights of plenty, liberty and opportunity.

As far as social segregation (the much maligned "Apartheid"), is concerned, many blacks welcome this, as a social mixing would lead to miscegenation and a half-breed people, unacceptable to both black and white. It may also be pointed out that cohabitation between whites and blacks is strictly illegal and cases of this nature seldom occur.

As in the larger cities of the world, lawlessness does exist. But the rural African has not

changed much, still possessing many of the fine qualities they have always had, as well as some bad ones such as witchcraft and ritual murders which are frequently practised.

Auguste's estimate of a black man's wage at \$0.16 a day, is both misleading and ridiculous. As an example, an African mine worker earns from \$3.00 to \$4.00 a day by Canadian standards, when his food and quarters are taken into consideration.

The colonization of South Africa can be compared with that of North America. The white colonists did not invade a totally black-occupied country. The Zulus were at the same time colonizing the northern part of South Africa as the whites entered from the South. When these two groups met, the small parties of Dutch pioneers were attacked by the war-like Zulus, a people whose whole life was devoted to waging war on neighbouring tribes. Many of Auguste's "barbarous Dutch" were annihilated in a most cruel fashion. The position is analogous to that of the early pioneers in North America and the "pacifying" of the Red Indian.

Though the writers are not necessarily in agreement with the policy of the present South African government in its entirety, it must be realized that the multi-racial problem is a matter which cannot be solved in a day. Differences exist, not only between white and coloured, but between Indian and African, and amongst the Africans themselves.

Those interested in learning facts, and the problems which beset South Africa, are advised to attend the address to be given by the Hon. A. A. Roberts, South African High Commissioner to Canada on Thursday night, in the Union.

# Freshman Immaturity—Is It Justified?

## Unfair Publicity Raises Issue

by Richard Purser

Is it true what they say about the McGill Freshmen?

All year we have been on the receiving end of a constant barrage of criticism. At least one professor has flatly stated that we are "the worst freshman class he has ever seen." His statement has been amply backed up by charges that we are ill-behaved, immature, "a bunch of high school kids" and a string of other accusations calculated to make us feel anything but comfortable.

I realize that freshmen have always been the butt of critical comment, and are frequently assailed by their professors in the hope that they will be moved to work a bit harder; but this year's attack has been of almost sufficient proportion to give us a class inferiority complex. When serious minded professors are forced to shout in their lectures "I've never seen anything like it in all my life!" there must be something really wrong.

The matter is a serious one. We can never feel at home here if we are continually to be led to believe that we are unfit for university. If we are so bad, too, the outlook for future freshman classes is little better. It would be unlikely for whatever factors that made us what we are not to affect next year's class.

In an effort to put some coherence into this jumbled attack, I recently approached four professors who are forced (or have the pleasure, as the case may be) to meet large numbers of freshmen. They are George I. Duthie of the English Department, Robert K. Holcomb of the Chemistry Department and Sydney Wagner of the Physics Department. Asked what they thought of the freshman and his prospects, their replies appear in accompanying articles.

The replies were surprising to me. If not what I had been thinking all along, they were certainly what I had been hoping for. The simple truth is that there is nothing fundamentally wrong with us. The value of the whole thing has been completely overrated. Criticism on certain comparatively minor points in which we differ from previous freshman classes became so loud and frequent that we misinterpreted it as having much deeper significance. Unfortunately, so did the professors, senior students and outsiders who have received so much unfair publicity about us this year.

While we can now rest assured that we are decent members of the human race, a fact of which so many seem to have been in doubt, we must answer the "comparatively minor charges made by the professors."

The main quirk of the present freshman class that has caused all this furor is that we are noisy. This fact is particularly evident in English classes.

At the beginning of the lecture the professor has to stare at us for what must seem an age to him, and actually start talking before we settle down. Then all is peace for about twenty minutes, at the end of which time a ripple of conversation begins to make itself heard. It rises gradually to a hubbub for the last ten minutes. We seem to think that the professor is supposed to break off in the middle of a sentence at the end of the class, for

when the bell rings at five minutes to the hour, the racket made as we prepare to leave effectively drowns out everything else he may say.

The reason given for this is immaturity. Immaturity is not a charge that I like to have hurled at myself or a group that I belong to, but it must be considered. I take it that the professors making this charge and passing it off so lightly mean merely that our behaviour is due to our age. I certainly hope they do not mean that we are immature for our age, for university students are expected to be a comparatively mature group.

Our behaviour in English class, especially our tendency to translate hidden meanings of the type that produce loud guffaws into innocent remarks made by the professors, does appear to lend support to the charge of immaturity. But I have another explanation. I may be wrong, but I think that a majority of the students, in the Science and Engineering section at any rate, are simply bored stiff with the course.

In essays written earlier in the year the students lauded the new Canadian literature course, speaking of the essential value of "culture." These comments conflict with what I heard personally from the students. I suspect that what they say to impress an English professor and what they really think are two different things. I suspect that, at least at the beginning of the year, most of them didn't give a damn for either Canadian Literature or Culture or English Literature. As an engineering student said to me after listening to a recent lecture by Professor Phelps, "I don't see why he lectures at all, if you want to know the truth."

It may very well be due to natural immaturity that we cannot keep ourselves quiet during English classes; but we do much better, I think, in other classes. Therefore, there must be something about the English classes that we don't like. I believe that

## Many Misfits

by George L. Duthie

I must first point out that McGill freshmen are fundamentally no different from freshmen elsewhere. Any 'Freshman Problem' that may exist is probably universal. There are certain differences between Canadian and English university students in that the latter are better read and more familiar with the classics, while the former are more self-confident and better able to face life's problems.

I have had more trouble with the freshman class this year than in previous years. The buzz of noise that arises is largely in the latter half of the lecture. It is not due to discourtesy. It seems to me to indicate that the class is too immature to take an hour of my course at one time. They would appear to be better suited to half-hour lectures, although I am not recommending here that these be established. There is one definite criticism that I must make for which I can find no explanation. They do not stop talking when it is clear that I am ready to start, and they start talking before I have finished making my last point.

I wish to make it clear that there is nothing fundamentally wrong with our freshmen. It is likely mere teen-age unrest brought on by the general unrest of the times.

I could not say what percentage of the students are seriously interested in the English course. Certainly many are not, but I know that I have made some converts. The students who show no interest in the course are those who think of a university as merely a vocational training ground rather than as a center of culture. There are too many of these people. A course of this nature is essential to the development of a good cultural background. By the study of the classics, one's whole personality is molded for better citizenship.

The student entering a university should be assumed to be capable of mechanically accurate writing. In a test given at the beginning of the year to classify freshmen according to their proficiency, only 35% could be exempted from composition classes. Over 28% failed the test completely, while many others very nearly failed. The order of proficiency according to faculties was Arts, Science, Commerce, Engineering. Another 3% of the students were exempted at Christmas.

The students here have considerable mental liveliness and imagination. It is too bad that they cannot ally this with technical writing.

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# "Chattery-Nit-Wittery"

by Arthur L. Phelps

"This is the first year in which I have experienced among a number of the freshmen students what I call 'chattery-nit-wittery.' To use a technical expression, I have on occasion 'thrown people out.' Afterwards, when we have talked the matter over personally, I have found the students without exception to be frank and courteous and charming persons.

Let us remember that there are some 400 freshmen in an English class. In such a large group, some may tend to lose their sense of individual responsibility. My remedy is the development of what I call 'community responsibility.' A class which runs to hundreds must come to feel itself a community in which each is related to all. Also, there is a tendency for the students to form themselves into groups which perpetuate personal and private relationships. Perhaps an alphabetical seating arrangement would serve to break up these groups.

There are naturally those students who simply are not interested in the course. Most of us who lecture believe we have something im-

portant to say. It is our job, and admittedly a difficult one, to impress upon the students, even against his prejudice or lack of interest that what we have to give is important.

In spite of all that may be said, the January test showed that the present freshman class, faced with specific questions in relation to knowledge provided can deliver more than respectable results. They know a great deal more about Canadian literature and of course about other parts of the curriculum than they did last Autumn.

I like vitality and individuality in a class, and the present freshman class has these qualities. Some of them may need to learn more about 'community responsibility.' Then they will be better students and hold the promise of being good citizens. I think the freshman class will make a fine contribution to the academic tradition of McGill.

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## Letters to the Editor

### See Here Mayers!

Dear Mr. Editor:—  
In Wednesday's Daily you published a letter from a 5th grade drafting student whose olfactory sense was so delicate that he smelled a connection between the Law Issue and the hilarious humour of Mr. Norm Cohen. In the first place it is presumptuous, not to say in bad taste, for Mr. Mayers (a mere student) to criticize a man who holds the position of lecturer in another college. Secondly, that column which Mr. Shayne and Mr. Cohen wrote years ago, was NO HUMOUR column. Thirdly, Mr. Bayers stated that Mr. Cohen's corn was "deeply ingrained in the impressionable Mr. Shayne." I feel compelled to inform Mr. Bayers that Mr. Shayne is not impressionable at all—he has been at McGill for 7 years and has made no impression whatever. Fourthly, it's a dirty shayne for an Arch. student to criticize the efforts of the Law Issue perpetrators. Is it lack of talent that prevents the Arch. students from putting out their own issue? Fifthly, Chnack Cohen is NOT known to his friends as KIU at all. He has no friends and his enemies call him "S%&C". Sixthly, it appears from Mr. Layers letter that he is suffering from a severe case of foot-in-mouth disease, and should be quarantined.

"THE LAW JOHN"

### Womens' Union Answer

Dear Sir:—  
I would like to apologize for the delay in publicizing the action taken in connection with Arts Building entrance. At the beginning of this term, the President of the Students' Society and I met with Dean Fieldhouse to discuss this problem. At this meeting it was pointed out how the present traffic controls inconvenienced women students using the building and recommendations were made to improve the situation.

The Dean outlined the difficulties in supervising the building and gave his reasons why a new system could not be put into effect at present. The discussion which took place is too lengthy to be included in this letter but will be brought up at the forthcoming Open Meeting of the Women's Union, on Monday, March 3rd.

I am grateful to Miss Burgess and Miss Ouloulian for bringing this matter to the attention of the Women's Union.

In closing I would like to say that the office hours of the Union are between 1:15 and 2:30, Monday through Friday, and that a notice to this effect has been posted on the door.

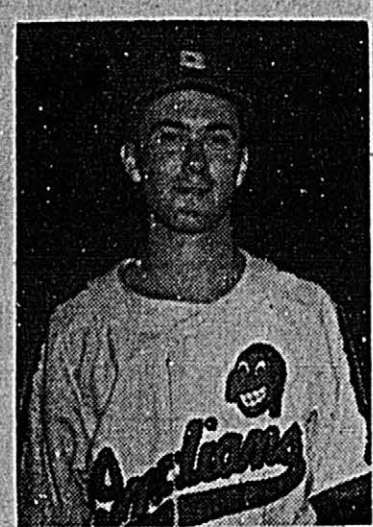
MIMI PICKERING,  
President, Women's Union



# from the SIDELINES

AN ATHLETE'S TALE

This is the story of a young baseball pitcher—a good one—and on it hangs the unfinished tale of a McGill student with a burning ambition to make good in the Big Leagues, but not at the expense of a college education. Every word of this story is truth. There is not an ounce of fiction. The aspiring ball player is Bob Lewis, B.Comm. 4. Perhaps you know him, perhaps you don't. Whether you do or don't, his tale may indicate to some extent what is involved in an attempt to hit baseball's Big Top.



BOB LEWIS

training camp. He was offered a minor league contract, but because it interfered with his plans to attend McGill, he refused it. The day before Lewis wrote his final matriculation exam at West Hill, he received a long distance call from Boston advising him to pitch for the St. Stephen, New Brunswick club in the Maine-New Brunswick League. The league was composed mainly of American college players and former minor league pros. In this way he was able to make enough money during the summer months to pay his way through McGill that winter. Bob had a good record with St. Stephen, winning 14 and losing seven, and in an exhibition game, had the distinction of

pitching against the famous Satchel Paige.

In 1949, he returned to St. Stephen and besides pitching served as a playground director. Lewis hurried another season of good ball, with a 15-8 card, and attracted the attention of the Chicago White Sox who asked him to sign a contract to play in their farm system. Again Bob had to refuse in order to continue at McGill.

Nineteen-hundred-and-fifty saw him move to London in the Inter-County Senior League. While in London he roomed with Bill Slack who just recently became Canada's first bonus baby by signing a contract with Boston Red Sox for a bonus of \$18,000. Slack is slated to pitch for Birmingham, Alabama, of the Class A Southern Association this year.

By the middle of June, Bob grew tired of warming the bench with the star-studded London Majors and went to Sudbury, Ontario, to pitch for Creighton Mine in the Nickel Belt Senior League. There he won seven and lost none, sparking his team to the pennant and the play-off title.

The following year, 1951, he was offered contracts with London, St. Thomas and Waterloo, all of the Inter-County League. Bob accepted the St. Thomas offer and took a second crack at the best semi-pro league in North America. In his first start Bob shut out the power-packed London Majors 2-0 on three hits and was played up big in the London papers for his blanking of the home club.

Lewis faced some fine ball players that summer. A fellow named Wilmer (The Great) Fields was in the league. He eventually signed with Toronto Maple Leafs of the International League, and is at present leading the Venezuelan Winter circuit in batting.

Phil Marchildon, the former Philadelphia A's star, was also in the loop, hurling for Guelph.

The Inter-County League has sent some great performers to the Big Leagues. Charley Gehring, the former Detroit Tiger second baseman, considered by many to be one of the greatest of all time, and currently the General Manager of the Tigers, is one of the Inter-County's products. Dick Fowler and Bob Hooper of the A's, Hank Blazitt of Buffalo and Oscar Judd are others.

Lewis has been offered contracts by both London and St. Thomas for next season.

After he returned from St. Thomas last year, he worked out with our Montreal Royals for three weeks and was invited to go to Florida with them next month. But because this is his last year, Lewis will have to pass this up.

When Bob finally gets that coveted B.Comm. this spring, he will have a chance to take advantage of some of the offers made by Major League clubs. No one can determine just how far he'll go. There is no doubt of his talent. He is a big boy with a blazing fast ball, a fine curve and a good change of pace.

He has always used his head when on the mound, unlike those huge, empty-headed fast-ballers who are in such abundance in the States. His control is almost letter-perfect, a very significant factor which Rex Barney will attest to.

Bob Lewis has not confined his athletic talents to the ball diamond. He played football and hockey at West Hill and is one of the stars of Commerce Clippers in the McGill Intramural Hockey League.

There are probably many more like Lewis at McGill. Fellows who are marking time in their athletic careers in order to obtain degrees. And believe me, these boys are playing it smart.

## Coed Cage Crew Mauls YMCA Quintet

A bright ray of sunshine pierced the cloudy gloom that has engulfed the McGill sport scene for the past few weeks. At the new Y.M.C.A. gym on Wednesday night, a sharp-shooting group of girls from McGill defeated the "Y" entry 71-11.

The leading scorers for the McGill Reds were Ruth Rice and Jean Machan who compiled 30 and 24 points respectively by using their superior height to tremendous advantage. The low score of the Y team can be credited to the terrific display put on by the McGill guards, Fran Cranfield and Lyn Ruiterford played outstanding games for the winners intercepting passes and setting up the forwards.

The first half of the game was extremely one-sided as McGill consistently made good their shots. The second half showed improved play on the part of the homesters but it was too late to be threatening. For years coaches of the women's basketball team at McGill have deplored the fact that the height that is so necessary in the sport has been lacking. This year however, several of the girls are approaching the six foot mark and their effect on the game so far has been greatly felt by the opposing team.

The Reds thus ended the most successful season on a victorious note. During the course of their court endeavors they lost but one game—that to the McGill Whites. They posted seven wins.

BARBARA GOULD

## Meds Victors In Volleyball

The Volleyball Med 1 team pulled a stunning upset Tuesday when they trampled the defending Athenians in three straight games 15-10, 15-11, and 15-13.

For the freshmen Meds, this meant one championship in their intramural drive this year. They had previously reached the semifinals in Floor Hockey and on Tuesday upset Med. 4 Reds in the first game of the total point Basketball finals. The final basketball tilt will be played tonight at 7:30.

In the Monday Volleyball game, Calvin, Manhart, Fainstat, McTaggart, Brown, Bell and English comprised the champion Med 1 squad while the dethroned Athenians, champs were Phillippson, Sophanopoulos, Meletopoulos, Economou, Al-las and Nikolaidis.

## Last Three Tilts Decide Blues' Fortunes

Toronto Varsity Blues have a clear shot at the CIAU hockey championship. Bill Wade's Blueboys are in the fortunate position of being able to do it all by themselves without the help of anyone else.

All Varsity has to do is win its remaining three games, one of which is against Les Carabins and that is the big battle. Toronto meets McGill in the other two. It will be a tough chore for the Blues because that U of M contest is set for Verdun Auditorium where the Carabins are practically unbeatable.

Tomorrow night the Blues are at the Forum against Rocky's Redmen and Saturday they move on to Verdun for the crucial one. And the Blues can't make a mistake. One loss in the three games left and they are doomed.

Laval has completed its schedule. The Quebec City crew had a very good year considering that last season, their first in the circuit, they were the loop doormat. Leo Bourgaull's club completed the 1951-52 schedule with 14 points on seven wins and five losses.

At present, Laval is second, but in all probability, Toronto, in its last three games, will move ahead of them into second place, or even first if the Blues make a clean sweep.

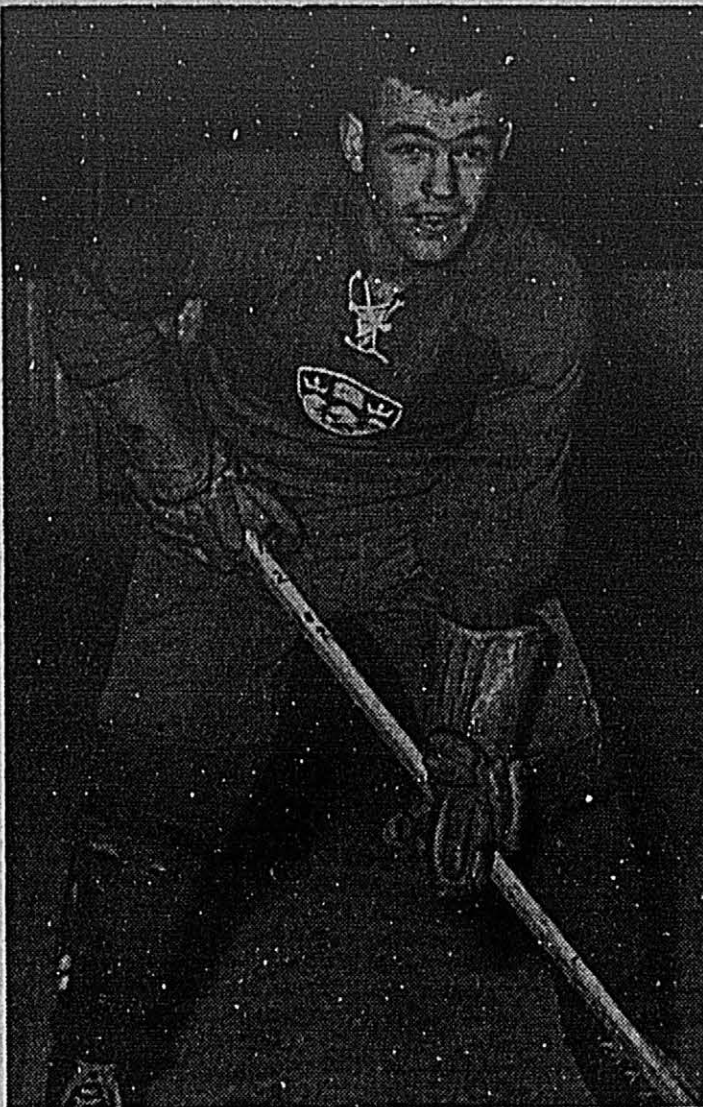
McGill is in the cellar to stay, with one win, seven losses and a tie for three points. The Redmen have two more Toronto tilts and a possible third against U. of M. at Verdun. If that Carabin game is washed out, then the 8-2 lacing the Flying Frenchmen handed the Redmen last week will go as a four-point, giving the U. of M. an extra two points.

### STANDINGS

	P.	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
U. of M.	10	6	3	1	13
Laval	12	7	5	0	12
Toronto	9	4	3	2	10
McGill	9	1	7	1	3

### NOTICE

Due to circumstances beyond our control, results of the basketball and senior hockey games will appear until Wednesday.



Rock Robillard is counting heavily on aggressive, spirited Jim McGowan, the colorful blue-line blocker, when the Redmen meet Toronto Varsity Blues at the Forum Friday night in the last home game of the season.

## Redmen-Blues Game Fans Last Chance

By BOB BORNSTEIN

The average college boy has all the stars at Varsity, U of M and Laval are around to beat McGill's brains out. Toronto has a pair of new Aces in Rope and McKenzie plus many of the big gunners from last year's squad. U of M is literally packed with sharp-shooting forwards and Laval has assembled a top-flight crew.

### SOME ANSWERS

The answer might lie in the fact that at McGill, more than any other school in the Union, talented players prefer to play for pay or sit on the sidelines. Another aspect is the home rink angle which has been touched on more than once in this and other columns.

Whatever the story is, the team deserves as much support as it did when McGill colors were flying. Friday night at the Forum the Redmen meet Toronto in the final home game of the season. A good crowd on closing night could make up for the bitter memories of row upon row of empty seats, a situation that has prevailed in Forum frays to date.

Athletics Director Vic Obeck, realizing the plight of McGill's hockey players, who are, so to speak, a team without a home rink, would appreciate a large turn-out for tomorrow night's game. In this way students can indicate their desire for a hockey auditorium.

Therefore, if you think McGill needs a rink, show it by supporting the team in its last game. It could be that, although the Redmen are hopelessly out of the league race for honors, there is much at stake when Blue meets Red at the Atwater Ice Palace tomorrow.

## Co-Eds Vie For Silver

The women's intercollegiate skiing title is in the offing this week-end, when the McGill quartet takes on six other American universities in a feature attraction of the St. Lawrence University Winter Carnival at Canton, New York.

This year's Montreal edition has a more than even chance of coping the winners' honours, as the same squads have been entered as those who participated in the Middlebury meet last week, when McGill placed a close second, three points behind the present intercollegiate champs from Middlebury University.

Three trophies are at stake, one to the individual winners of both the slalom and the downhill, and the third to the college which obtains the most combined points in the meet. In addition, the Ski-meister Cup will be awarded to the girls who displays the fastest times in the two races.

Newman Cub Plans Mardi Gras Dance

A Mardi Gras Masquerade dance is being held on Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. in the Newman House, 2049 McGill College Ave. A prize will be given for the best home-made costume and there are other prizes in games and novelty dances. Free refreshments will be served. The admission to this stag or drag dance is fifty cents for Newman Club members, seventy-five cents for all others.

## Chapeaus Drop Eggbeaters 5-2 In Floor Hockey Finals' Opener

By MARTY GOODMAN

Floor hockey games are noted for their roughness and heavy checking; the occasional fight is expected, and it is a rare tilt that does not have some blood running by the end. The games played in the intramural League this year have not been exceptions. That is, all but last night's.

The first match of the finals, won by Chapeaus de Nuit 5-2 was a fairly tame affair. More stress was placed on winning the game than on bashing up an opponent's anatomy, and as a result, it was a clean, fast affair. Eggbeaters, although beaten, played well. They made the encounter close until their defence collapsed in the last minute of play, when Chapeaus rapped in two markers.

For the winners, the win climaxed three years of trying for the title. Two years ago, they lost out in the finals at Dawson by one goal, 9-8. Last year, they hit a cold streak, and were eliminated early. This time, though, the team, named after the defunct Nightcap Cafe, hit the jackpot.

The game opened quickly with "Harpo" Webb of Chapeaus taking a pass from John "Bulldog" Garneau in front of the net and quickly parking it in back of goalie Gordie Reed. Jim Harkness followed with a shot from 10 feet out to make the count 2-0, but a beautiful pas-

sing play, Sharratt to Collier to Turner (just like Tinker to Evers to Chance) put the Egg-beaters back into the picture.

The second period opened slowly, and the teams exchanged goals to leave Chapeaus one in front. Turner got his second of the night, as he picked the upper right hand corner on a close-in shot, but Mike Tucker soon retallied on a long screen shot from centre. The Chapeaus defence stood out in this canto, as Tucker and McDougal were sent off with penalties. Smith, Ross and Jackson stopped rush after rush during this time.

The third period opened with a penalty to McDougal for tripping. Once again the blueline men held off the determined Eggbeater

rushes till the teams were back at full strength. The rest of the time was fully spent by both squads, as the goaling was sensational, except for the last minute of play. "Rubberneck" Tyler of Eggbeaters twice deserted his centre position, thus enabling the Chapeaus to score twice.

First Webb tallied his second of the evening, again on a pass from Garneau, who finished off the scoring with a picture goal.

Bob Keep, goalie for Chapeaus, played a steady game throughout. His defence was outstanding, and the second line, made of Webb, Harkness and Garneau starred, notching four of the five goals garnered by their team.

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## Intramural Squash At Gym Tonite

The first round of the intramural squash tournament will be held this evening at Sir Arthur Currie Gym. The following is the list of games to be played:

Thursday, 5:15 p.m.—J. Brodeur and Wallace; Mitchell and Lindsay; Deitor and Tomlinson; Horn and Faulkner, 5:45—Graham and Camp; Thomson and W. Gutellus; Errington and MacMillen, 6:15—A. Smith and Andrews; Pecknold and Kerr; G. Robillard and Goldsmith, 6:45—Boright and Hoult; K. Drummond and MacKay, 7:15—Russell and Chaney; Frane and Teitelbaum; McCulgan and Pepear; Maier and Williams.

The winners of these contests will face the following on Friday: Forbes, French, Fainstat, Gillett, Ensinick, Mitchener, Johnson, Griffiths, J. Gutellus, Cooke, Laidley, Powis, Knubley, Clarke, Wright, Newton.

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**DANCERS** in the above photo are members of the Modern Dance Club which will present its original concert March 7 and 8. The dances, representing phases of everyday life, are original, created by the dancers themselves.

### Many Misfits—p. 2

ability. The lack of this ability is probably due to the modern tendency to have fun rather than to work, to look at pictures rather than to read.

Over 50 per cent of freshmen believe to be university material, but too large a number are not. Too many people these days go to university as a matter of course.

Most students in this category get pushed out, but unfortunately some manage to squeeze through to a useless degree.

I see no real reason for blasting the freshmen. I expect them to do as well as usual on the exams and am sure that they have the makings of fine Canadian citizens. As I said, there is nothing fundamentally wrong with them. They simply need to settle down.

### Modern Dances To Be Featured At Club Concert

The Modern Dance Club is in the midst of final rehearsals for the annual concert. The dances, depicting various phases of everyday life, are all original, composed and performed by the members themselves. This concert is the climax of the club's activities of the year, and will be held March 7 and 8 in the Royal Victoria Gymnasium. Student's admission price is 50 cents, and general admission is 75 cents. Tickets may be obtained at the Physical Education Department in RVC.

A brisk and lively number "Hoe-down" is the club's interpretation of country square dances, supported by colorful costumes, and accompanied by gay music.

"City Exposure," shown the urban way of life. Divided into sections, the series of dances present the audience the different city groups such as, the mill workers, the downtown shopping crowd, the night club groups, and the tramps found on the waterfront in the early hours of the morning.

One of last year's favourites, "Canadian Theme" is being presented again this year by special request. Another last year's favorite "Modern Age" will also appear on the program.

### Most Students—p. 1

It is no use looking after them. McGill Medical Journal is the official publication of the McGill Medical Undergraduate Society, publishing articles of technical interest to med. students. It comes out four times a year.

CAMSI Journal is published at McGill for the Canadian Association of Medical Students and Internes, representing eleven other universities.

CAMSI was formed at the first SCM sponsored NFCUS meeting in Winnipeg in 1937, the same which gave birth to Canadian Student Assembly and Canadian University Press. Its purpose was to further the welfare and interests of medical students and internes and to facilitate co-operation between students and faculties, internes and hospital staffs. The CAMSI Journal has a circulation of over 4,000.

The McGill Engineer presents articles of interest to the engineer, both technical and otherwise. In the otherwise category comes some information that may prove helpful to more than engineers: "One should, for success, always adopt the attitude of the most senior of one's superiors present, although this may come out as harmful mimicry in the novice. He should learn to express his superior's views before the superior does himself, thus forcing him into agreement with his subordinate."

This magazine also serves to show that engineers have the ability to laugh at themselves, as one will find in reading the article "How to Tell a Modern House;" there are "Nature Houses" that blend with the countryside and grow over to look like molehills; "Functional Houses" which are supposed to look ugly; "Dynamic Houses" which, though as steady as Grant's Tomb, look as if they are about to keel over any minute; "Decentralized Houses" where members of the family never need to cross each other's paths; and "Social Struggle houses" containing one big rumpus room where parents and children can madden each other.

One other student publication, falling in a different category from the others, is The Handbook—famously known as the "Bible" to McGill students. Distributed to all students at registration, it contains invaluable information on societies, clubs and other organizations, the Student's Society, "campus folklore," the university timetable, and other matters of general student interest. This fall's issue will be combined with the Athletics Handbook.

## Formals Highlight University Events

### Mid-Winter Festivities Popular Activities at McGill, Laval

By DON ALLEN  
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Music of a dance orchestra drifts out from the bandstand over the heads of young couples in formal attire dancing or off to the side laughing and talking with groups of friends. For all, it's the big day of the college year.

The setting may be Ottawa's Chateau Laurier or a lavishly-decorated makeshift ballroom in some college gymnasium for on campuses from coast to coast are staged large-scale social undertakings that remain long in the mind of student and graduate as occasions to be remembered in undergraduate years.

A nation-wide survey of major campus social events was conducted for the Canadian University Press by the McGill Daily. Information supplied by CUP member papers representing twelve Canadian campuses was considered in the preparation of this article.

Although special mid-winter festivities are rated high on the social calendar at McGill and Laval Universities, large-scale formal dances overshadowed by far all other events on the other campuses concerned.

One or more campus-wide formals are staged each year at most universities with other formals of somewhat less general appeal being put on by member colleges or student groups.

The big event of the year comes in late fall, early spring, or as a climax to the final exams. It is sponsored by a class, faculty, college, or by the students' council of the university. Expenses vary—estimates of escorts' overall expenditures range from six to over twenty-five dollars. A few hundred or several thousand are in attendance. Each dance has its characteristics; reflects the spirit of its organizing group; the personality of the campus at which it takes place.

The coronation of a Queen of the Ball is a highlight of the evening at the University College Ball, most important social event each year at the University of Western Ontario. The dance is sponsored by the Arts and Science Council. With tickets priced at \$4.50, attendance is in the neighborhood of 2,300. Six other formals, run by faculty, college, denominational and military groups are held at Western each year. The Co-ed Prom, sponsored by the Women's Council, and the Christmas Lit, part of the proceeds from which go to the International Student Service, are included in the U.W.O. social calendar.

Expenses are kept to an estimated \$7.00 per couple at two formals sponsored by the Social Committee of the Student Representative Council at the University of New Brunswick. Admission is free on the presentation of a student pass although a charge of \$3.00 is levied on outsiders at the event. The Fall Formal was last year staged to produce a French Cafe air; the "Con" or Spring Formal, now in its 78th year, is planned for the middle of March. Attendance is between 700 and 800 at both events.

No university-wide formal is attempted at the University of Toronto where federated arts colleges and other faculties stage events for their own members. Intercollegiate athletic contests provide the main opportunity for manifestation of an overall varsity spirit.

Four formals and a masquerade ball share the social lime-light at McMaster University, Hamilton. Tickets are \$3.00 for the formal but, except for the Mac Formal, sponsored by Seniors, where flowers and tails are the general rule, corsages are forbidden. Other formals are run by the lower years; an opera and play are also put on by the student body.

The Science Formal, where expenses can amount to in excess of \$25.00, is the big event of the Queen's University year. Other formals, Faculty sponsored, are described as "less pretentious" with costs in the neighborhood of \$15.00. The Queen's Journal comments that the city of Kingston is small and students supply most of their own entertainment, at the University.

The Senior Prom, on the evening following graduation ceremonies, is the event at the top of the social calendar of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S. Expenses average \$15.00 and virtually the entire graduating class plus about 100 undergraduates and an equal number of alumni are in attendance. The Mid-Year Prom and Engineer's Dance, both with somewhat greater attendance, are staged during the academic year.

A three-day annual Winter Carnival that attracts up to 20,000 students, graduates and spectators shares the spot-light with a number

of relatively poorly attended campus formals at McGill University, Montreal. The Junior Prom is held in November, Plumbers' Ball in January, Convocation Ball in May with expenses in all cases almost inevitably exceeding \$25.00. Doctors and Dentists hold formals attended primarily by students of their own faculties. A New Year's Eve Dance (dress optional) has been staged in recent years.

A winter festival and a formal sponsored by the Students' Society are two standouts on the social calendar at Laval University, Quebec City. The greater part of the student body takes part in both events with expenses at the Ball running to \$25.00; at the "Festival d'Hiver," \$5.00.

No one dance or other social event is considered the most outstanding at the University of Alberta where expenses at any major function run in the neighbourhood of \$10.00. Attendance is usually good at major events, The Gateway, student newspaper, reports.

Munro Day, second Tuesday in March, with athletic and social events climaxed by a dance is the highlight of the social year at Dalhousie University, Halifax. With attendance estimated at 1,000 the day's activities are sponsored by the Students' Council. Other campus events throughout the year, organized by faculties and other student groups are reported to possess less general appeal.

The escort's expenses are held as low as \$8.00 when he and his date head for the Junior Prom at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. Flowers are available at low costs through special arrangements with Florists, tickets, normally costing \$3.00 are free to members of the Junior class, and transportation need not enter into the picture since all students live in residence. The Prom is the finale to Junior Week on the campus and considerable effort is put into its organization by members of the Junior Class.

Latin-American music and a tropical decor are stressed at a formal sponsored by the Club Tropicale on the Mount Allison campus each year. Co-ed week is an annual custom each January. Ottawa's Chateau Laurier is the site of the Spring Prom of Carleton College each March. A floor show is provided at the formal; dancing is preceded by dinner at the hotel. The event is sponsored by the Students' Council and attendance is estimated at 700.

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the Political Clubs still being ignorant of the childish and so-called joke. The postponement was decided against for many reasons, and it was not until the evening of February 6 that the President of the Liberal Club was aware of the hoax and all the other clubs were not informed until February 18. During the interval from February 6 to 18 it is worthy of note that the President of the Progressive Conservative Club in Toronto telling students there that Sheehan was to speak at the Model Parliament of McGill and in general our Model Parliaments were becoming marvelous successes. In doing this in good faith, he both made an ass of himself and the University, for outsiders, when they hear the true story, will not help but wonder how all the Political Clubs and all the students who might have attended the Parliament could have been so neatly deceived by a few concealed and tight-lipped student officials. Further it would have been a gross insult to the outsider, who attending the Parliament to hear Mr. Sheehan, later found out that he was actually listening to an imposter. In general it would have degraded the Model Parliament into a malicious masquerade.

Thus in the final analysis, this plan, if perpetrated, could have placed a stigma of distrust and insincerity on all future parliaments, and defamed many students in the eyes of the general public.

In consideration of the above incident, and its potential results and implications, as well as the fact that the Political Clubs do the greatest amount of work in the organization and administration of the Model Parliaments, and their members are most familiar with political matters, the Progressive Conservative Club advocates the following steps be taken immediately.

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## RVC RAMBLINGS

By MARY DRAPER

Since The Daily stops publication for this term next week, this will be our last column. Looking back over the year, as the Women's Union winds up its activities, we can say that it has been a good year if not a particularly active one. This column would like to congratulate Mimi Pickering, and her executive for their conscientious efforts to serve the women at McGill.

In the course of this last year the Women's Union has introduced a system of drawing for theatre tickets, protested against the exclusion of women from the front entrance of the Arts Building, co-sponsored a career clinic, made plans for redecorating the women's common room, and planned a fashion show. There are, of course, a number of other routine activities also undertaken by the executive. Looking over these things, this column feels that such activities are very worthwhile, but that they are, after all, few in number, and perhaps do not justify an executive of the present size.

During the year the publication of Miss McGill has been discontinued, there have not been speakers sponsored by the Women's Union since SCOPE has taken on that function for the campus, and the Career Clinic was a co-sponsored event, most of the work for which was done by the Alumnae Society, Placement Committee. There has been a definite cutting down of specialized women's activities. The fashion show was postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, but had it taken place, it would have been looked after by a group of women, not members of the Women's Union executive. The total picture does not leave very much for a ten woman executive to do.

This column has recently advocated a plan for changes in the structure of the Women's Union. It is our feeling that the present machinery is too cumbersome and duplicates activities of student government. The SEC is student government at McGill—for both men and women. A coeducational council for a coeducational university. Now, that council must be guaranteed to be coeducational, and for this reason the two women's representatives on it are both necessary and of great value to women. Whether the autonomy of the Women's Union and the present large executive is necessary is another question.

The proposition which this column has put forth previously is quite a radical change and yet a simple one. Since it will be presented in the form of a motion at the open meeting of the Women's Union on Monday, March 3 at 4 p.m., we feel that it might well be reiterated here. The essence of the idea is that there should be two women's representatives on the SEC, as at present, but that the autonomous body of the women's union executive, should be replaced by a sub-committee of the

SEC. The two women's representatives would be responsible for women just as the faculty reps are responsible for their faculties. At the beginning of the year they could make a public appeal for interested women students to help on an undergraduate women's interests committee. The parallel that comes to mind is the NFCUS committee which is composed of those interested enough to come to meetings and which accomplishes quite a lot, receiving a budget from the SEC for its activities.

Now what would become of the organizations at present under the Women's Union? The Redwing Society could be under the SEC in the same way as its brother organization the Scarlet Key. The MWSAA is under the athletics board and nowhere in the Students Society or Athletics handbooks do we see any mention of a connection between it and the Women's Union. The Graduate Nurses and Physio-

therapy Undergraduate Society are, after all, faculty societies with representation on the SEC. No other faculty undergraduate societies have representation on any other executive body, why should they?



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